

thereof for the offices of President and Vice-President, and the corresponding counters or registering devices shall register votes cast for said electors when thus voted for collectively, but the machine shall be so prepared that it shall be possible for the voter to indicate his choice of as many candidates for the position of presidential elector as there are presidential electors to be elected.

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(a) When the polls are closed, all qualified voters, who are then waiting in line to vote, shall be permitted by the judges to do so. As soon as the polls are closed, and the last voter has voted, the judges shall immediately lock and seal the operating lever or mechanism of the machine so that the voting and counting mechanism will be prevented from operation, and they shall then sign a certificate stating: (1) that the machine has been locked against voting and sealed; (2) the number of voters, as shown on the public counters; (3) the number on the seal which they have placed upon the machine; (4) the number registered on the protective counter or device; and (5) the number or other designation of the voting machine, which certificate shall be returned by the judges of election to the officials authorized by law to receive the same. The judges shall then compare the number of voters, as shown by the counter of the machine, with the number of those who have voted, as shown by the applications filed, as provided by Section 72 of this Article.

(b) The judges, in the presence of the watchers and all other persons who may be lawfully within the polling-place, shall then make visible the registering counters, and, for that purpose, shall unlock and open the doors, or other covering concealing the same, giving full view of all the counter numbers. The judges shall, under the scrutiny of the watchers, and in the order of the offices as their titles are arranged on the machine, read and announce, in distinct tones, the designation or designating number and letter on each counter for each candidate's name, the result as shown by the counter numbers, and/or the designation or designating numbers and letters on each counter, and the results as shown by the counter numbers for and against each question voted on. The counters shall not be read consecutively along the party rows or columns, but shall always be read along the office columns or rows, completing the canvass for each office or question before proceeding to the next. The vote as registered shall be entered by the judges, in ink, on triplicate return sheets, and also on a general return sheet and statement, all of which, after the canvass is completed, shall be signed by the judges. The vote for presidential electors shall be computed and returned as